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Title: SUTURED STAPLE SURGICAL FASTENERS,)
INSTRUMENTS AND METHODS FOR)
MINIMALLY INVASIVE VASCULAR)
AND ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY)

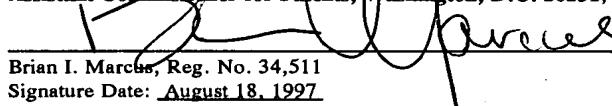
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Amendments

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the Specification,

At page 1, line 17: Please delete "Serial No. _____" and substitute --Serial
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